

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 18, 2000

Ms. Judith L. Corley, Esq. Ms. Ellen Weintraub, Esq. Perkins Coie, L.L.P. 607 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-2011

RE: MUR 4803
John Tierney for Congress Committee
(FEC ID #C00283283)
and Roy F. Gelineau, as treasurer
Tierney for Congress
(FEC ID #C00318196)
and Roy F. Gelineau, as treasurer

Dear Ms. Corley and Ms. Weintraub:

On October 7, 1999, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe that your clients, the John Tierney for Congress Committee (FEC ID #C00283283), Tierney for Congress (FEC ID #C00318196), and Roy F. Gelineau, as treasurer of both committees, violated 2 U.S.C.§§ 441a(f) and 441b(a), which are provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and 11 C.F.R. § 116.2(c)(2), a provision of the Commission's regulations. Further, the Commission found reason to believe that the John Tierney for Congress Committee (FEC ID #C00283283) and Roy F. Gelineau, astreasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), which is also a provision of the Act. At your request, on September 13, 2000, the Commission determined to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If your clients agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible. Please be advised that this Office would be disinclined to grant an extension of time in the absence of an appropriate agreement to toll the statute of limitations for an equivalent length of time.

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If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely

Attorney

Enclosure

**Conciliation Agreement**